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and upon the keystone of the arch will be set a full size cap. The whole building is to be constructed in the most substantial manner.

The columns are to be 28 inches thick, the first story walls 20 inches thick, and the second and third story walls are to be 16 in thickness. The floor-boards of the third story are supported by five massive iron girders, 24 inches wide, resting on and anchored in masonry walls, and which are to support the ceiling of the Representative Hall, which has a space of 33 feet, and is to be most beautifully ornamented in stucco work.

The plans for the building were drawn under the direction of James L. Miller, Esq., Chairman of the Building Committee, from the Board of Representatives, by Messrs. Field and Corbett, architects; the same gentlemen to whom was awarded the first premium for the plans of the new City Hall, by the unanimous vote of the Common Council Committee.

The whole cost of the building, which is to be paid for by the city, and the estimates, were advertised for and awarded to the lowest bidder, as follows:

Messrs. Platt & Fisher, for the mason work, \$13,311.  
Messrs. James L. Miller & Co., for the carpenter work, 11,500.  
Total, \$24,811.

The stone cutting has been subcontracted to Messrs. Gagey and O'Connell, who have no business, but who have already given evidence of their superior ability on several engine and house corners recently erected.

The iron work is from the works of the Messrs. Jones, of New York, and the plastering and ornamental plastering by Mr. A. J. Garvey.

All of the above gentlemen are connected with the Fire Department of this city, and each one of them is endeavoring to exceed the other in a superior manner in which the work shall be executed in their respective branches.

The Building Committee, from the Board of Representatives consists of Messrs. James L. Miller, Jr., John W. Adams and William C. Force.

After more music by the Harmonic Society, the company then dispersed, well pleased with the ceremonies of the day.

**HISTORY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND**  
**BY JOHN S. GILES, TREASURER.**  
**TO THE COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.—**

GENTLEMEN—Agreeably to your request I submit the following brief history of the Fire Department fund of the city of New York. Its usefulness and the benefits derived therefrom by the widows and orphans of our deceased associates, are too well known to us all to be commented upon at this time by me.

In 1791, the representatives of the Fire Department convened at the house of Jacob Brown, 1 Nassau street, for the purpose of raising a fund which might be beneficial to indigent sick and disabled firemen and their widows and orphans.

At that time, owing to the limited extent of our city, our fire department was in consequence comparatively small; but even at that early period the founders of the fund foresaw the necessity of an institution of some kind to afford relief to their unfortunate associates, as the large majority of its members were from the working classes of the community.

On reference to the minutes an account of the proceedings is furnished at length, and from which copy I am now drawing.

At a meeting of the representatives from the Fire Department in the city of New York, on the 20th day of December, 1791, authorized by their different companies, they proceeded to form a constitution for the purpose of establishing a fund for the relief of unfortunate firemen, whose misfortune may be occasioned while doing their duty as firemen."

The following gentlemen composed the meeting held on the 20th day of December, 1791, viz: Chairman, John B. Deane; Secretary, Joseph B. Skanal, Sylvester Buskirk, Frederick Eckert, James Smith, William Mooney, Gabriel Furman, David Morris, John Clark, Jacob Sherrod, Richard Furman, Wm. Bush, Stephen Smith, Willet Benson, John Westman, Henry M. Wood, Peter Woolhull, Abraham Brown, Peter Cole, A. H. Tark, George Warner, John B. Dash, Jr., Archibald Rely, Abraham Franklin, Wm. Byrne, Daniel Coutant, and Christian Halstead.

The first states:—"A fund, which shall be established with the moneys arising from chimney fines, certificates, donations, and with such other moneys as may hereafter be agreed on by such fire companies having laws passed for that purpose, shall be put on hand." Article fifth specifies that "The Trustees shall have the sole disposal of the moneys in the funds, which shall be for the relief of sick, disabled, or aged firemen, or their families as may be interested in the fund, and who may, in the opinion of a majority of the Trustees, be worthy of assistance."

A motion was made that they proceed to choose officers, which was accordingly done by ballot, and the result was as follows: President, John B. Deane; Vice-President, William J. Elsworth, Treasurer, Abraham Franklin; Secretary: Thos. Hazard, Chris. Halstead, James Beckman, Gabriel Furman, Jas. Ties, Isaac Mead, John B. Dash, Geo. Warner, and Peter Cole. Trustees.

The first report of the Treasurer of the Fire Department Fund was made by Wm. J. Elsworth, at a meeting of the representatives, held at the house of Edward Bardin, 180 William street, April 1793, and the following report of the state of the funds was made:—

On loan on approved security . . . . . £130 0  
In hands of the Treasurer . . . . . 110 0

Whole amount . . . . . £240 0

At this meeting Jacob Fahey was appointed collector of chimney fines. Chimney fines appear there to have been an important source of revenue.

At a meeting of the representatives on the first Monday of July, 1793, the Treasurer reported the state of the fund, and the following report of the annual meeting was held at the house of Edward Bardin, on the second Monday in December, 1793. The Treasurer, William J. Elsworth, reported the amount of funds invested and on hand to be £226 10s. 6d.

The second annual meeting was held at Hunter's Hotel, Broadway, on the second Monday of December, 1794. Treasurers report £244 2s. 4d. Annual meeting held at same place, second Monday of December, 1795. The Treasurer reported the state of the fund, and the following report of the annual meeting, same place and time, 1796. Treasurer's report £429 8s. 4d. Fifth annual meeting, same place and time, 1797. Treasurer's report £592 18s. 11d. At this meeting Nicholas Van Antwerp resigned as Treasurer, March 1797. His successor, who resigned on the 13th October, 1797, at this meeting a committee, consisting as follows: James Van Der Creek, Joseph Newton, James Robinson, Matthias Neck, and James Parsons, Junr., was appointed to draft a petition to the Legislature for incorporation. The committee reported, at a special meeting held at Hunter's Hotel, December 18, 1797, a petition, which was read and agreed to unanimously, and the committee were instructed to submit the same to the Board of the Corporation for consideration. On the 20th of January, 1798, the same to the Legislature at Albany. At a special meeting of the representatives held at the house of Joseph Cook, 259 William street, on the 30th day of April, 1798, the committee reported an act passed by the Legislature, March 1798, styled, "An Act to incorporate the Firemen of the City of New York." The same, granting a charter, to continue until the first Tuesday in April, 1818, and limitation the capital to \$20,000. Sixth annual meeting was held December 16, 1798, at the house of Joseph Cook, 259 William street. Van Antwerp, Treasurer, reported the state of the funds to be £719 8s. 6d.

Seventh annual meeting held at the same place, 16th Dec. 1799. Treasurer's report £824 17s. 6d. Eighth annual meeting held 23 Monday, Dec. 1800, at Lovett's Hotel, Broadway. Treasurer, Nicholas Van Antwerp reported funds to be £870 7s. 7d. 9th annual meeting held 24 Monday, in Dec. 1801, at the house of Joseph Cook, 259 John street. Treasurer's report was £1,126 12s.

Tenth annual meeting, Nicholas Van Antwerp resigned, and Benj. Strong elected in his stead Treasurer of the Fire Department Fund. 10th annual meeting held Dec. 22, at the house of Joseph Cook, 259 William street. Treasurer Benj. Strong reported funds to be £1,151 2s. 2d. 11th annual meeting held Dec. 1803, at same place, reported of funds £1,383 18s. 6d. 12th annual meeting held Dec. 1804, at same place, reported of funds £1,500 10s. 13th annual meeting held Dec. 1805, at same place, reported of funds £1,725 10s. 3d. 13th annual meeting held Dec. 1806, at the house of Nicholas Mudd, Nassau street. Treasurer reported state of funds to be £1,531 15s.

14th annual meeting held Dec. 1806, same place, report of funds . . . . . £2,078 10s.

15th annual meeting held Dec. 1807, at the house of Joseph Cook, 259 William street, reported of funds . . . . . £2,537 18s.

16th do. 1808 do. . . . . £2,652 6d.

17th do. 1809, Harmony Hall, £3,096 3s.

18th do. 1810 do. . . . . £9,995 0d.

A resolution approving £300,000 of Indenture was passed at the above meeting.

19th Annual meeting, held Dec. 1811, at Harmony Hall, report of funds . . . . . £10,036 6d.

20th do. 1812 do. . . . . £16,341 2s.

21st do. 1813 do. . . . . £16,341 2s.

Anson B. Matthews, Tammany Hall; Treasurer's report of the funds was . . . . . £9,359 9d.

22nd Annual meeting held Dec. 1814, at Harmony Hall, report of funds . . . . . £9,414 0d.

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...before George W. Morton, Esq.  
CHARGE OF A BRAWL WITH A BARBERSHOP WARDEN  
The United States vs. Charles A. Marshall.  
The second, in this case, is the Captain of the  
American ship Yorkshire, and is charged with cruel  
and unusual punishment. The case against William  
Lask, who subsequently died at the hospital in  
New York, as already noticed in the Heralds.  
Andrew Watson, examined by Mr. James Ridge  
way, on behalf of the government, deposed—That  
he was one of the crew of the American ship York  
shire, on her last voyage; Capt. Marshall was mas  
ter; we had a sailor on board named N. Hol  
Cook; he is now dead; saw the captain prick him  
in the face several times with a penknife, which  
made the blood come; the man was not doing any  
thing that witness was aware of; he (Cook) has  
been beaten several times by the first and third  
mates; saw the captain, on another occasion, take  
Cook by the hair of the head, and beat him several  
times; it did not produce any great injury.  
Cross-examined—When the captain was prick  
ing him, he told him if he did not hold his head still,  
he would beat his head off; the man was holding his  
head back so I could not see what was done.  
Cross-examined—If I would have satisfaction for the cap  
tain turning me from the wheel.  
Copeman Rogers, a passenger, deposed that he saw  
the captain beat Cook twenty-five or thirty blows  
about the head and back with a rope; he stated  
that he was not doing anything.  
Other passengers deposed that they saw the cap  
tain kick Cook and strike him with a belying  
raw Cook on one occasion tied to a sofa behind  
the wheel, and when he would not sleep he was kicked  
by the mate, the captain being present; saw the cap  
tain strike a sailor named John Smith, who was  
long, and the first was his thumb; the captain was  
present; he then escaped, when the butswain kicked  
him in the chest; Cook walked away very easy  
as though he was suffering.  
The examination was adjourned to Tuesday, the  
month.  
The Counterfeiting Case.—William Boughton and  
others, are committed for counterfeiting, will be brought  
before Commissioner Stillwell on Wednesday morn  
ing.

**The Furniture Trade of Boston.**  
[From the Boston Atlas, Aug. 21.]  
"Of thoroughly learn the trade of a cabinet maker  
was, only twenty or thirty years ago, an undertaking  
requiring considerable capital, and was confined to a  
minority. It was necessary he should be able to  
make and put together every part of any article  
produced by the trade. But machinery, that great  
promoter and sustainer of Yankee prosperity, has  
now done away with the necessity of such a man,  
and inevitably induces, wrought a complete revolution  
in this, as well as in so many other time-honored  
crafts. Furniture is no longer turned off in small  
detachments ordered out beforehand, just as the  
owner of a fine house or a large establishment, or a  
bureau, requires, but is now made in great quanti  
ties, and the ready-made furniture of our country  
of chairs are sent on flittingest excursions to all  
the countries on the globe, and kept in reserve in  
large store-rooms, ready for any crisis that may  
occur. A man who can carry off a steamer on the  
ocean, or the Lake, or the River, and who can  
take at Charleston, S. C., or in the White Mount  
hills, New Hampshire, or one about going to have  
keeping in any part of the world, after having "pe  
rformed matrimony," can only go and order a  
quantity of furniture, and the articles, with the  
measure of his house or vessel, and forthwith  
the goods are sent on, and his rooms or cabins are  
fitted up with far more beauty, artistic skill, and  
good taste and judgment, than he could himself  
procure. The cabinet-maker of the past is now  
thoroughly trained to the business.  
At the same time the goods are afforded much  
cheaper than formerly, so that the man of humble  
means may indulge in the luxury of an easy chair  
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The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various offices of the County of New York, for the year 1890, by the Board of Supervisors, at their meeting held on the 10th day of January, 1890.

Office	Name
County Clerk	John W. Smith
County Treasurer	James H. Jones
County Engineer	William B. Brown
County Assessor	Charles F. White
County Surveyor	Robert L. Green
County Jailor	Thomas M. Black
County Coroner	John D. Gray
County Sheriff	George W. Hall
County Marshal	Henry C. King
County Constable	David A. Lee
County Assessor	John E. Clark
County Surveyor	William F. Adams
County Jailor	Charles G. Baker
County Coroner	Robert H. Bell
County Sheriff	Thomas J. Black
County Marshal	John C. Brown
County Constable	George D. Clark
County Assessor	William E. Davis
County Surveyor	Charles F. Evans
County Jailor	Robert G. Fisher
County Coroner	John H. Green
County Sheriff	Thomas I. Hall
County Marshal	David J. King
County Constable	George K. Lee
County Assessor	William L. Martin
County Surveyor	Charles M. Nelson
County Jailor	Robert O. Phillips
County Coroner	John P. Quinn
County Sheriff	Thomas R. Reed
County Marshal	David S. Smith
County Constable	George T. Taylor
County Assessor	William U. Vance
County Surveyor	Charles V. Ward
County Jailor	Robert W. White
County Coroner	John X. Young
County Sheriff	Thomas Y. Zane